Introduction of Direct Dialling between Delhi and Guntur

33. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce direct dialling system in the telephone exchange at Guntur for Delhi and vice-versa;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Direct dialling facility between Guntur and Delhi in both the directions is already existing. S.T.D. Code for Delhi to Guntur is 0863 and that for Guntur to Delhi is 011.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Crude in Krishna and Godavari basins

34. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an adequate potential of Crude in the Krishna and Godavari basins of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to exploit crude from these areas in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Krishna-Godavari Basin is considered prospective both for oil and gas.

(b) The commercial viability of hydrocarbon discoveries in the basin has not been established so far. Production plans will be drawn up thereafter.

Oil and Natural Gas Commission long term plan for Crude extraction

35. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission have drawn up a long-term perspective plan to extract 100 million tonnes of crude by 2004-2005; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) ONGC is engaged in preparing a long-term perspective plan. One of the goals of this plan is to establish adequate hydrocarbon resource potential to produce 100 million tonnes of oil and gas as oil equivalent by 2004-2005 A.D.

Providing STD facility for Chirala town in Andhra Pradesh

36. SHRI R. SAMBA SIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide STD facility to the people of Chirala town in Prakasam District of Andhra Pradesh by linking it with big cities in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Chirala is planned to be linked with Vijayawada Trunk Automatic Exchange for providing STD facilities. It is likely to be commissioned during the 7th Five Year Plan period.